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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Kain et.al.
Application Number: 09/782,588
Filing Date: February 12, 2001
Title: ALTERNATIVE SUBSTRATES AND
FORMATS FOR BEAD-BASED
ARRAY OF ARRAYS™
Examiner Name: Betty J. Forman
Group Art Unit: 1634

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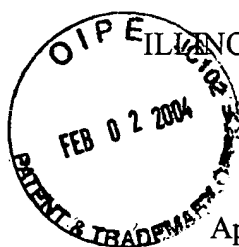
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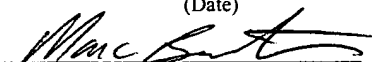
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed January 05, 2004. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for reviewing the instant application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.